

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions. Iraq is highlighted in yellow, while the surrounding landmasses are light orange and the bodies of water (Persian Gulf and Red Sea) are light blue. The map is centered on Iraq, with the title text overlaid on it.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

The Iraqi government announced on state television September 30 that anti-government insurgents were spreading false rumors about an attempted coup in Baghdad.



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Battle for Ramadi Now Favors Iraqi Government and Coalition:

- Although significant challenges remain, the battle for Ramadi now favors the Government of Iraq (GoI) and the Coalition, according to the commander of the US 1st Brigade (BDE), 1st Armored Division (AD) September 30.
- Attacks in Ramadi are down 25% over the past couple of months and Coalition Forces (CF), together with Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), have steadily increased their presence inside the city.
- The 1st BDE, 1st AD Commander also said that local Iraqi police recruiting has risen tenfold and that Iraqi Army (IA) readiness has improved to the point where IA battalions are now assuming the lead in portions of the city and its suburbs. Coalition-sponsored public works projects are also bringing improvements in Iraqi quality of life; water and power projects are moving forward and by February 2007, Coalition and GOI efforts will have more than doubled both basic services.

Operations Continue Against Death Squads:

- Coalition and ISF operations have killed or captured 29 death squad cell leaders and another 254 cell members since July.



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Attacks Increase in Baghdad:

- As Ramadan continues, Baghdad has seen a rise in recent attacks as terrorists and illegally armed groups attempt to discredit the GoI and the Baghdad Security Plan.
 - Murders and extrajudicial executions are currently the leading cause of civilian deaths in Baghdad and occur primarily along a north-south line associated with the beladiyas of Kadhimiya, Mansour and Baya and a northwest-southeast trend in eastern Baghdad along the Army Canal – generally in Sadr City, Thawra and New Baghdad area.

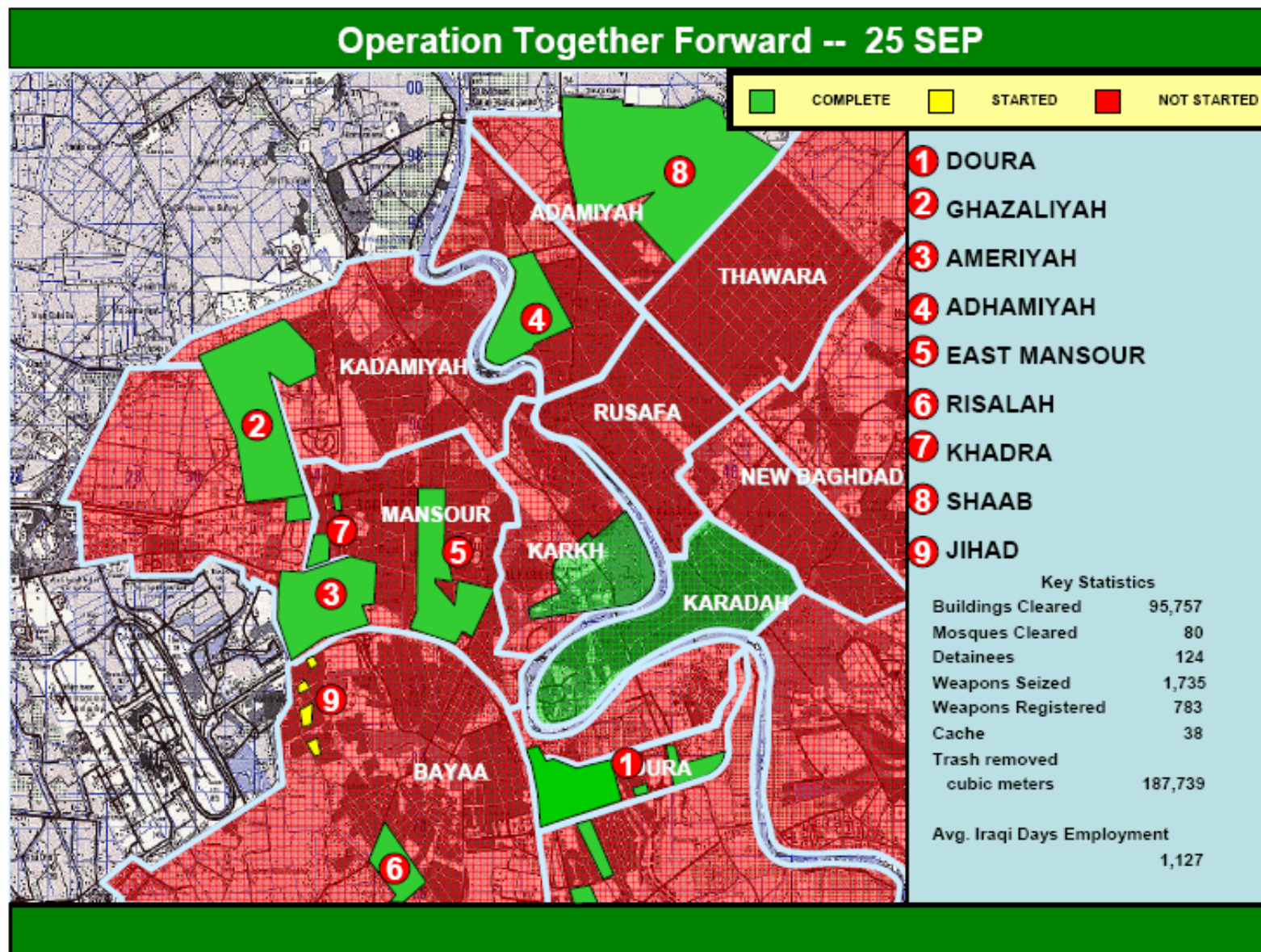
Baghdad Security Plan and Reconstruction Efforts:

- There are currently more than 60,000 Iraqi and Coalition forces in the city of Baghdad as part of Operation Together Forward, of which approximately 15,000 are Coalition maneuver forces.
- The ISF, with CF support, continue operations in the focus areas and are devoting considerable effort towards projects aimed at providing basic services, including electricity, water and sewage to the Iraqi people. Approximately \$40 million in reconstruction projects is currently being spent in those focus areas with another \$90 million planned and allocated.



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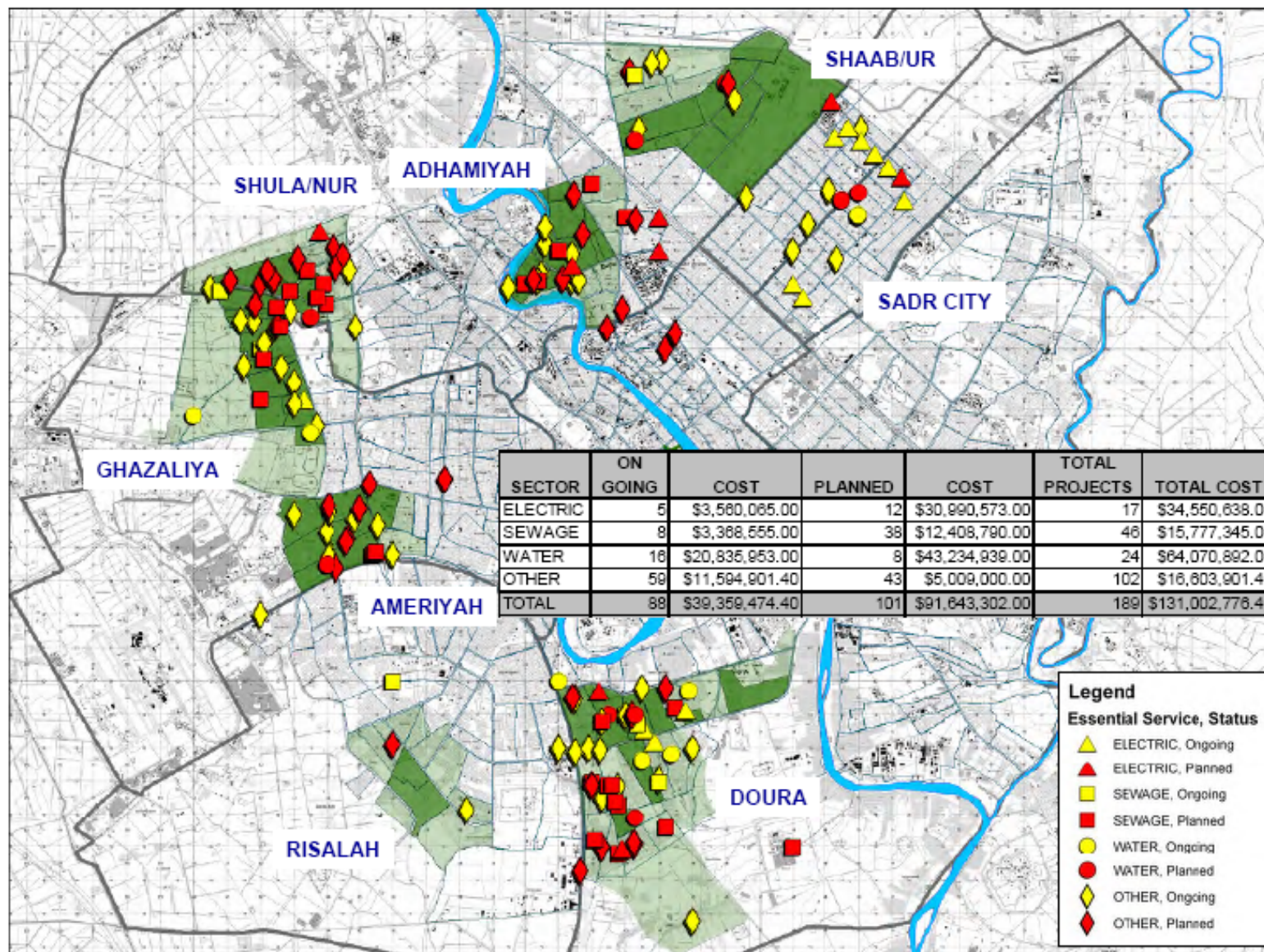
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Operations Against Death Squads in Baghdad – 18 – 24 Sept

- 1 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF Conducted Raid near Abu Ghraib, 18 SEP 06, to Capture Death Squad Members. **5 x Detainees**
- 2 MND BAGHDAD: ISF Conducted a cordon and search near Adamiyah, 18 SEP 06, to Capture Death Squad Members. **NSTR**
- 3 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF Conducted a Raid near Bayaa, 19 SEP 06, to Capture Death Squad Members. **1 x Detainee**
- 4 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF Conducted a Raid near Adamiyah, 19 SEP 06, to Capture Death Squad Members. **3 x Detainees**
- 5 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF Conducted a SKT OP near Bayaa, 19 SEP 06, to Capture Death Squad Members. **1 x AIF KIA, 1 x WIA**
- 6 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF Conducted a Raid near Bayaa, 19 SEP 06, to Capture Death Squad Members. **3 x Detainee**
- 7 MND NORTH: ISF & CF Conducted a Raid near AL Dujayl, 20 SEP 06, to Capture Death Squad Members. **6 x Detainees**
- 8 MND BAGHDAD: ISF Conducted a Cordon and Clearance near Karkh, 20 SEP 06, to capture Death Squads. **Small Cache**
- 9 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF Conducted a cordon and knock operation near Doura, 20 SEP 06, to disrupt AIF and death squad activities. **Small Cache**
- 10 MND NORTH: ISF conducted a cordon and search near Muqdadiah, 20 SEP 06, to capture members of kidnapping Cell. **4 x Detainees**
- 11 MND BAGHDAD: ISF conducted a clearing operation near Adamiyah, 21 SEP 06, to reduce sectarian violence. **NSTR**
- 12 MND BAGHDAD: ISF conducted a cordon and search operation near Doura, 22 SEP 06, to disrupt death squad cells. **NSTR**
- 13 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Bayaa, 23 SEP 06, to capture Death Squad members. **1 Cell Leader, 1 x Detainee**
- 14 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Abu Ghraib, 22 SEP 06, to capture Death Squad members. **1 x EKIA, 2 x Detainees**
- 15 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Abu Ghraib, 23 SEP 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **1 x EKIA**
- 16 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid Abu Ghraib, 24 SEP 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **2 x Detainees**
- 17 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted a raid near Bayaa, 24 SEP 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **1 x Cell Leader, & 11 x Detainees**
- 18 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF stopped a civilian convoy (8 of 20 vehicles) that ran a check point near Karadah on 23 SEP 06. **13 AIF Detainees (Incidental)**
- 19 MND BAGHDAD: ISF & CF conducted an arrest near Doura, 24 SEP 06, to capture Death Squad Members. **3 x Detainees (Incidental)**

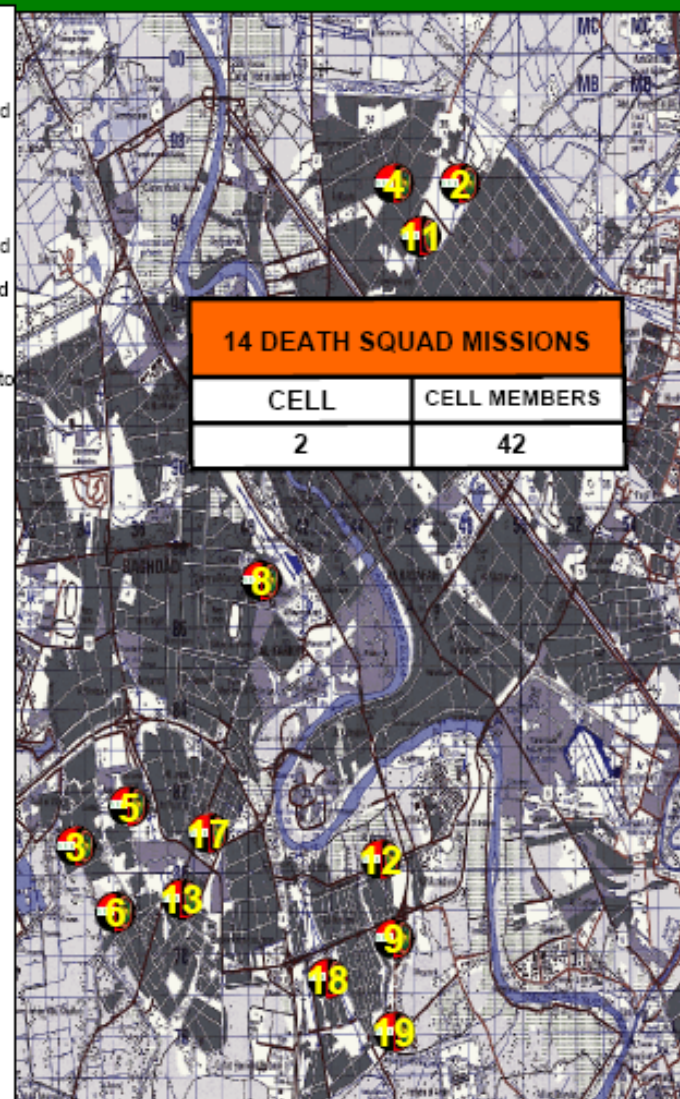
Baghdad Province (Not Shown on Map)

NOTE: 1, 14, 15 & 16- Operations West of Baghdad City in Abu Garayb.

Operation Outside Baghdad Province (Not Shown on Map)

NOTE: #7 – Operation in Salah ad Din Province

#10 – Operation in Diyala Province





[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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ISF Assumes Control of FOB Duke:

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- The transfer of the base follows an Iraqis in the Lead ceremony last week in which the ISF assumed operational control for the northern Babil province and security of the cities of al-Iskandariyah, Haswah and al-Khudi from the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

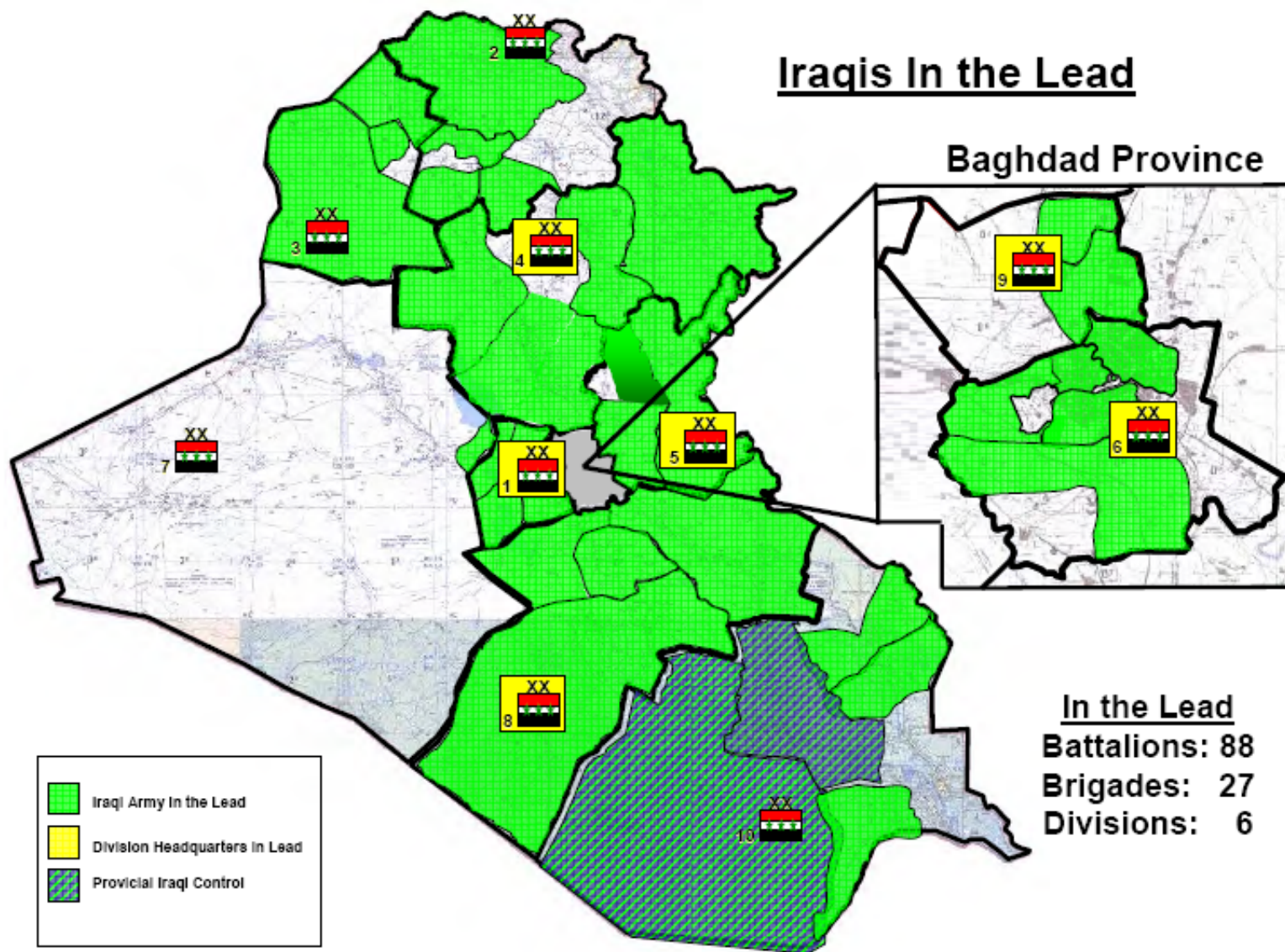
Iraqi Air Force Takes Over First-Line Maintenance:

- The 23rd Squadron of the Iraqi Air Force at the new al-Muthanna Air Base took control of the first-line maintenance operations of their C-130E aircraft from Coalition Forces in September.
 - The Iraqi Air Force currently has three C-130Es and expects to receive another three by 2008.



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[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~123,500***
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 24,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~28,300
TOTAL	~176,200**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~129,700***
AIR FORCE	~800
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~131,600**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~307,800****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of September 18, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

Maliki Plans to Quell Violence Via Multi-Party Committees:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki announced a four-point plan October 2 aimed at ending the deepening crisis between Shia and Sunni parties in his government and uniting them behind the drive to stop sectarian killings that have plagued the country for months. The plan will 1. form civil subcommittees; 2. form a central follow-up committee; 3. form a committee to monitor the media; and 4. implement monthly reviews of the plan.
- According to the plan, local committees will be formed in each Baghdad district -- made up of representatives of every party, religious and tribal leaders and security officials -- to consult on security efforts. Although the committees would have no police powers, they would work with Iraqi authorities to set up checkpoints and identify dangers in the community, as well as advise police officers on other security issues. A central committee, also comprising all the parties, will coordinate with the armed forces.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

Sadr Leaders Call for Cabinet Shuffle:

- The political bloc of Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr demanded a shake-up of Prime Minister Maliki's cabinet October 2. Bahaa al-Araji, a senior Sadr legislator, accused the government of relationships with terrorists. Araji's remarks appeared to be aimed at Adnan al-Dulaimi, the leader of the largest Sunni Arab coalition in parliament, one of whose bodyguards was arrested September 29 on suspicion of planning suicide bombings inside the fortified Green Zone. The demands of the Sadr movement—a major bloc in the United Iraqi Alliance and the dominant Shia coalition holding 130 of the 275-seat parliament—exposed deep rifts in the government, as well as mounting frustration with its perceived failure to stem violence.

Number of Internally Displaced Persons Rising :

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has said the number of Iraqis fleeing their homes in order to escape sectarian violence is rising dramatically and has now reached 9,000 per week. The IOM warned that though host communities—usually from the same religious community—are taking in the displaced, funding for assistance is running low and as winter approaches, the situation for victims will likely deteriorate.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

		Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
		Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i	
Minister of Agriculture Ya'rub Nathim	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari	Minister of Health Ali al-Shammari	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani	Minister of Justice Hashim al-Shibli	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Adil al-Asadi	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	

(F) = Female



**[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services –
Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2**

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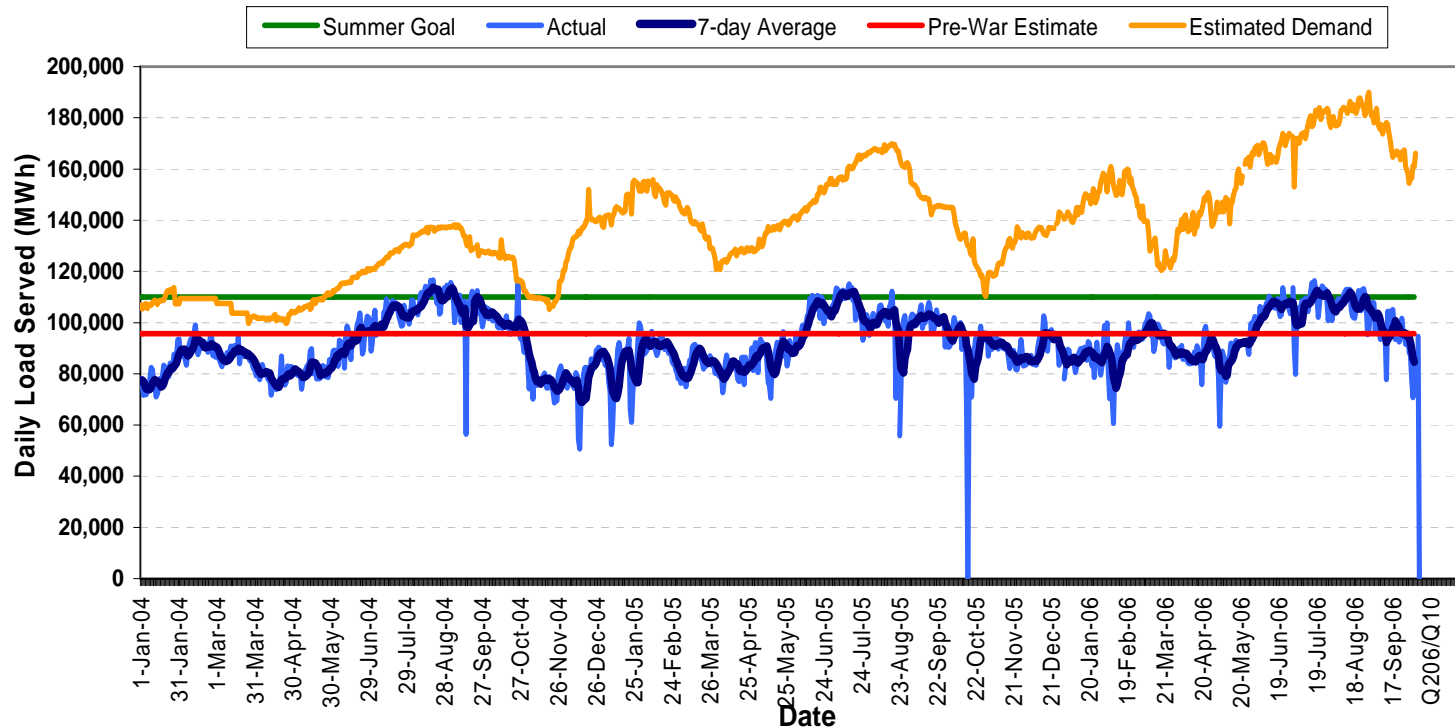
**Status of the Iraq Reconstruction & Relief Fund
not available this week due to the end of fiscal year reconciliation.**

As of October 3, 2006



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of September 27-October 3, electricity availability averaged 2.4 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.4 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 7% below the same period in 2005.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Water and Natural Gas**

Water:

- Construction was completed on the Abo Bosari compact water unit in Basrah province. The \$590,000 US Army-funded project was completed September 17, a month ahead of schedule. The project designed and constructed a new compact water treatment plant that provides water to more than 3,000 residents of Abo Bosari.

Natural Gas:

- Construction was completed on the Gas Compressor Station CS2 facility in north Rumaila, Basrah province September 28. The \$2.5 million US Army-funded project installed instrumentation and electrical items, and demolished facilities that were damaged during the 1991 and 2003 wars. The project will help increase the country's liquefied petroleum gas to meet the cooking needs of the Iraqi people.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity**

Electricity:

- Baghdad continues to receive no power from northern generation and from Haditha dam, increasing the city's dependence on local generating plants. A fire sharply reduced output at one of those plants September 29, and a second plant went down October 2. As a result, supply on the latter date fell short of the requirements of essential services and ordinary customers received zero hours of power.
- Construction was completed on the mobile substation at the Midway Pump Station in Anbar province September 18. The \$2.1 million US Army-funded project provided for all services necessary to carry out the engineering, procurement, supply, erection and commissioning of the mobile substation. The pump station supports al-Qaim with a population of 80,000 residents.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending September 29 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$53.67/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$62.12/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$60.48/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$56.35/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	21,389	21,389	0.00%
USAID	68,461	68,371	-0.13%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	687	687	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	159	159	0.00%
CERP*	7,234	7,234	0.00%
MNSTC-I	8,386	7,598	-9.40%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	11,254	11,254	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	117,570	116,692	-0.75%

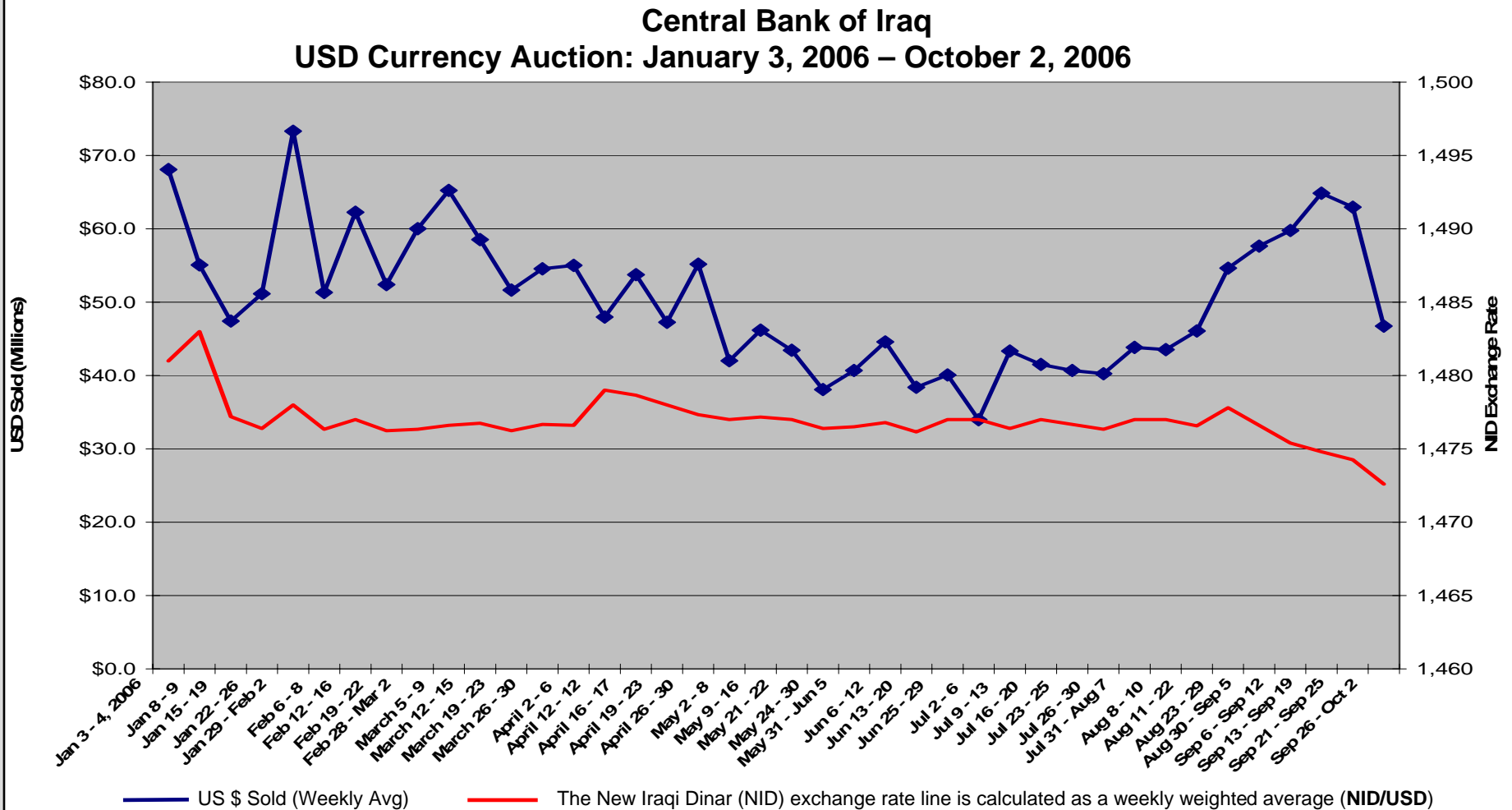
* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since January 3. The dinar modestly appreciated against the dollar this week, ending at 1,472 dinars per USD October 2.



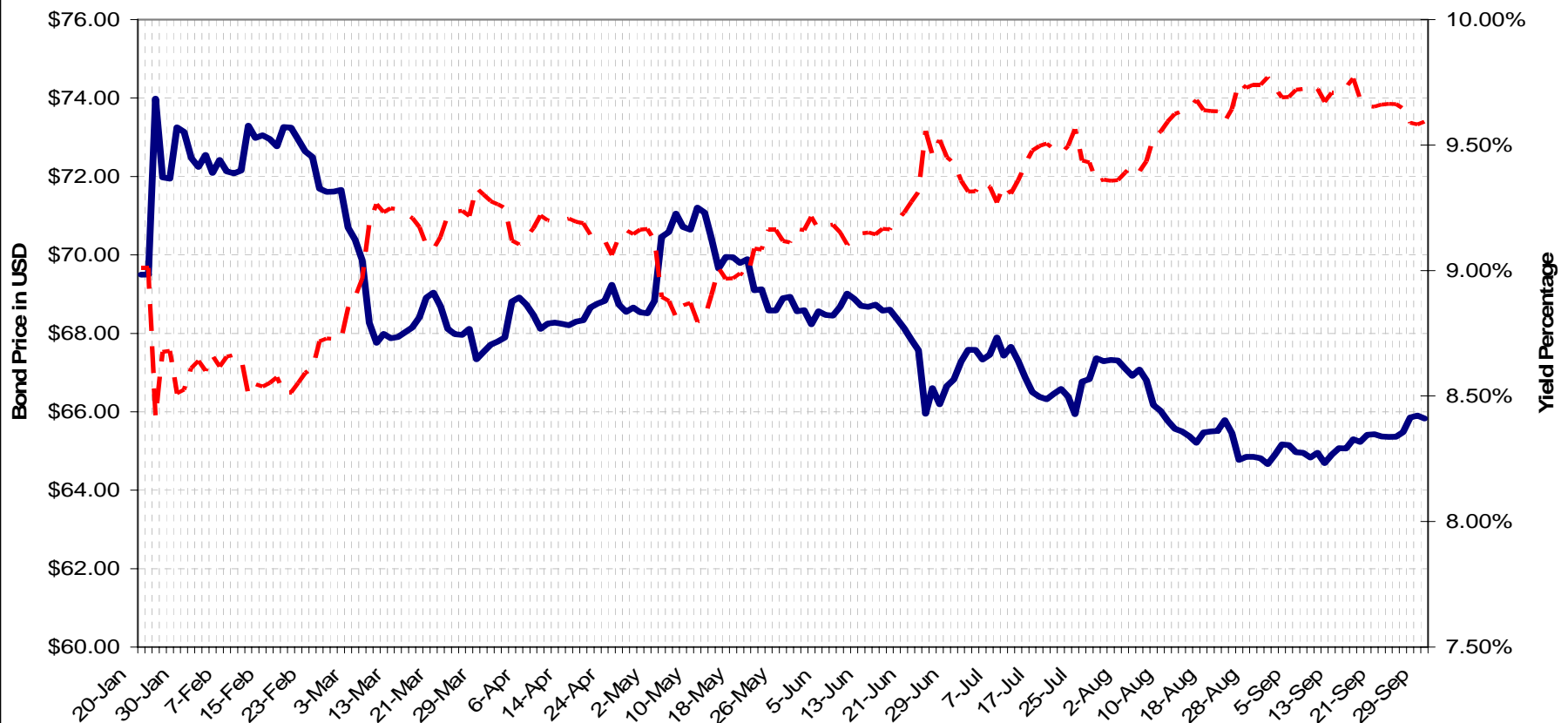


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.59 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales January 20, 2006 - September 29, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)

— Bond Price — Yield



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Recent Economic Events

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Intellectual Property Rights Law:

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Citigroup \$70 Million Structured Credit Facility:

- Citigroup, in cooperation with US Overseas Private Investment Corporation, announced October 3 the launch of a \$70 million structured credit facility that guarantees reimbursement obligations on Trade Bank of Iraq letters of credit. This represents the first time commercial lenders have extended letters of credit in Iraq that are not fully cash collateralized.

Hydrocarbon Law:

- Iraq is working to develop a new hydrocarbon law to attract foreign investment to revitalize the oil sector, Iraq's primary source of revenue. Oil Minister Husayn al-Shahristani has held talks with the international community in anticipation of these changes.



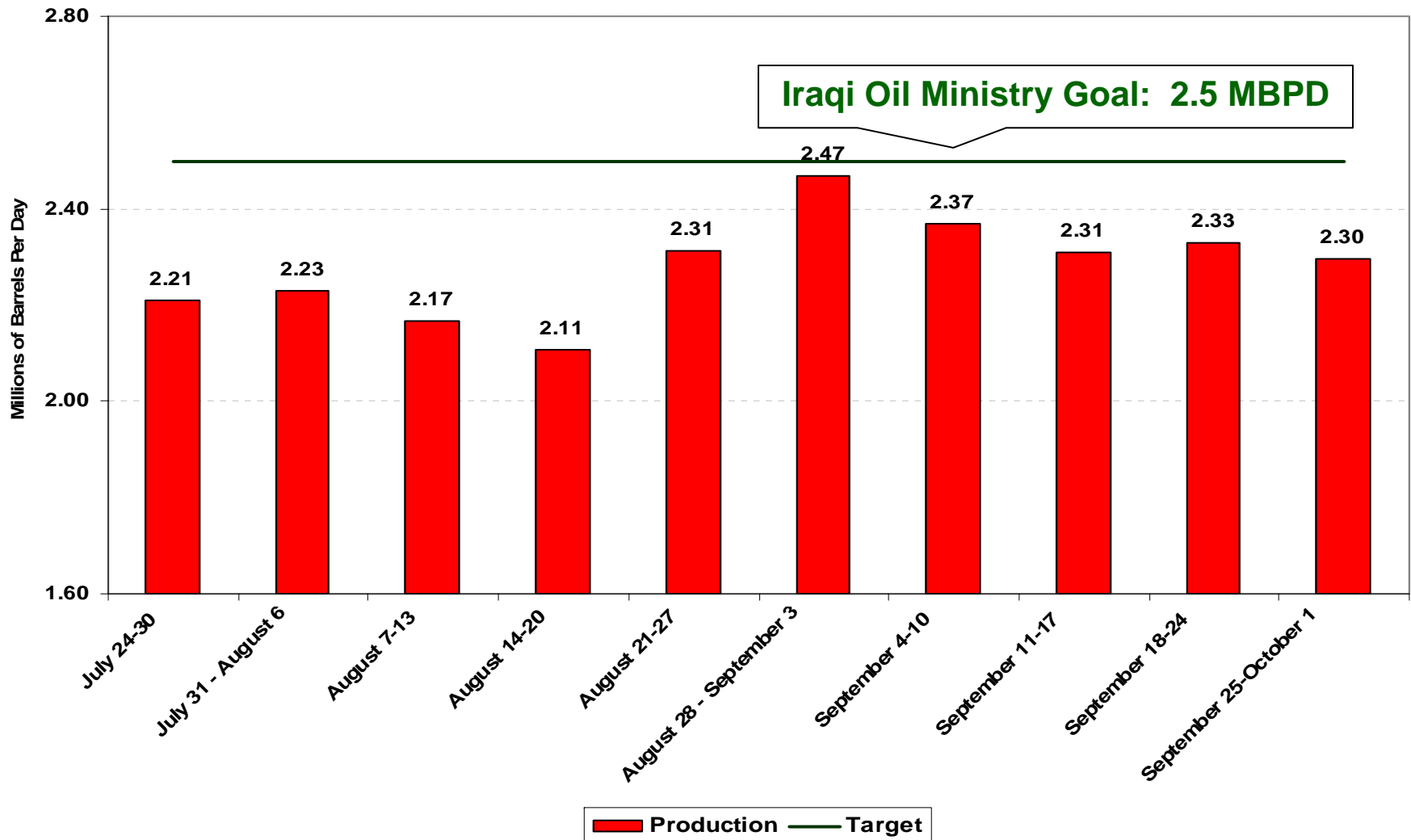
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Recent Economic Events

Anti-Money Laundering Training:

- Thirty bank directors and senior managers from private banks were trained September 10, as part of USAID's Izdihar program, to understand their roles in combating money-laundering under the Iraqi Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2004. Preventing, detecting and reporting money laundering is an on-going responsibility for management and all bank employees. This training aims to establish appropriate anti-money laundering policies and procedures, roles and responsibilities, and official reporting channels.



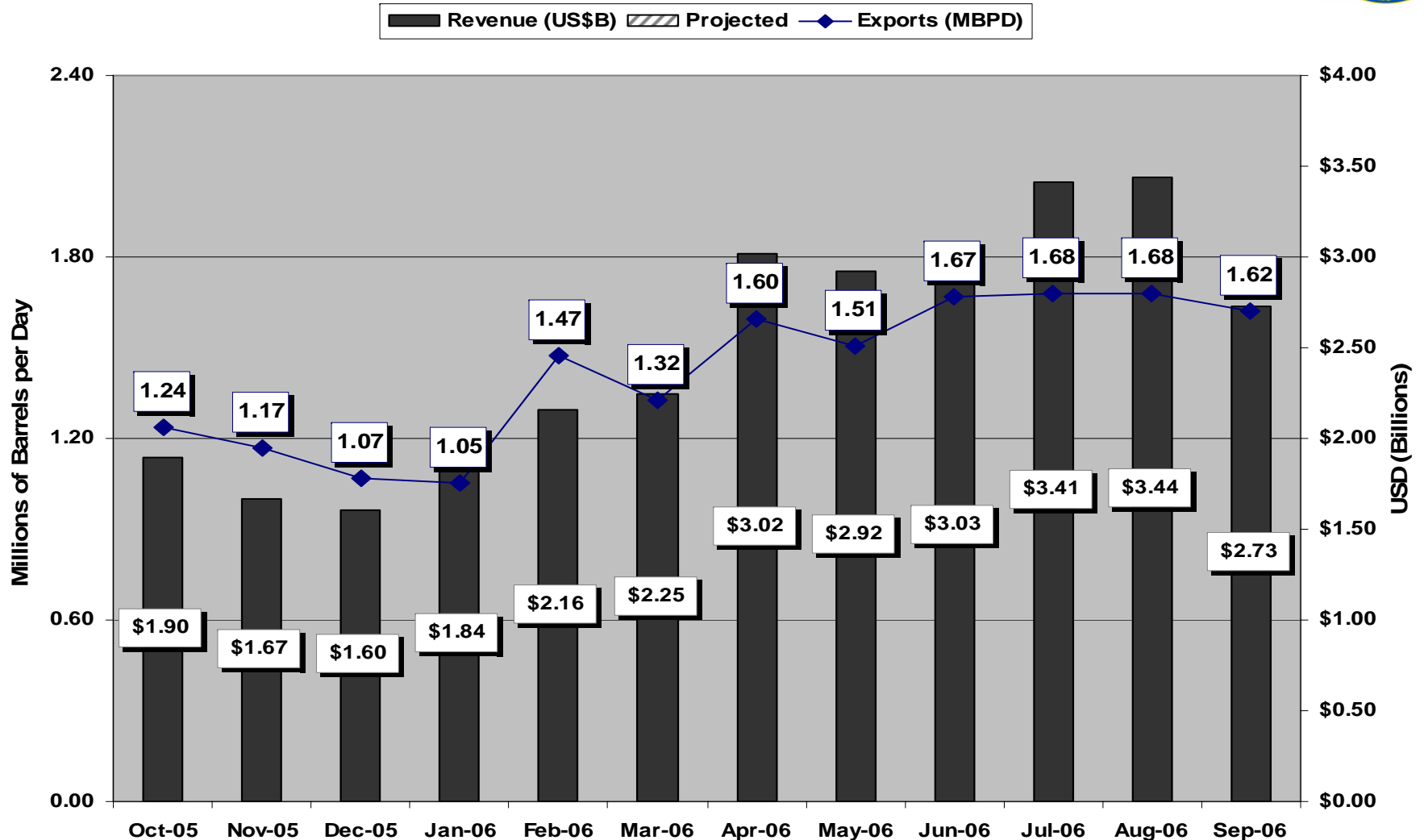
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (September 25 – October 1) of 2.30 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



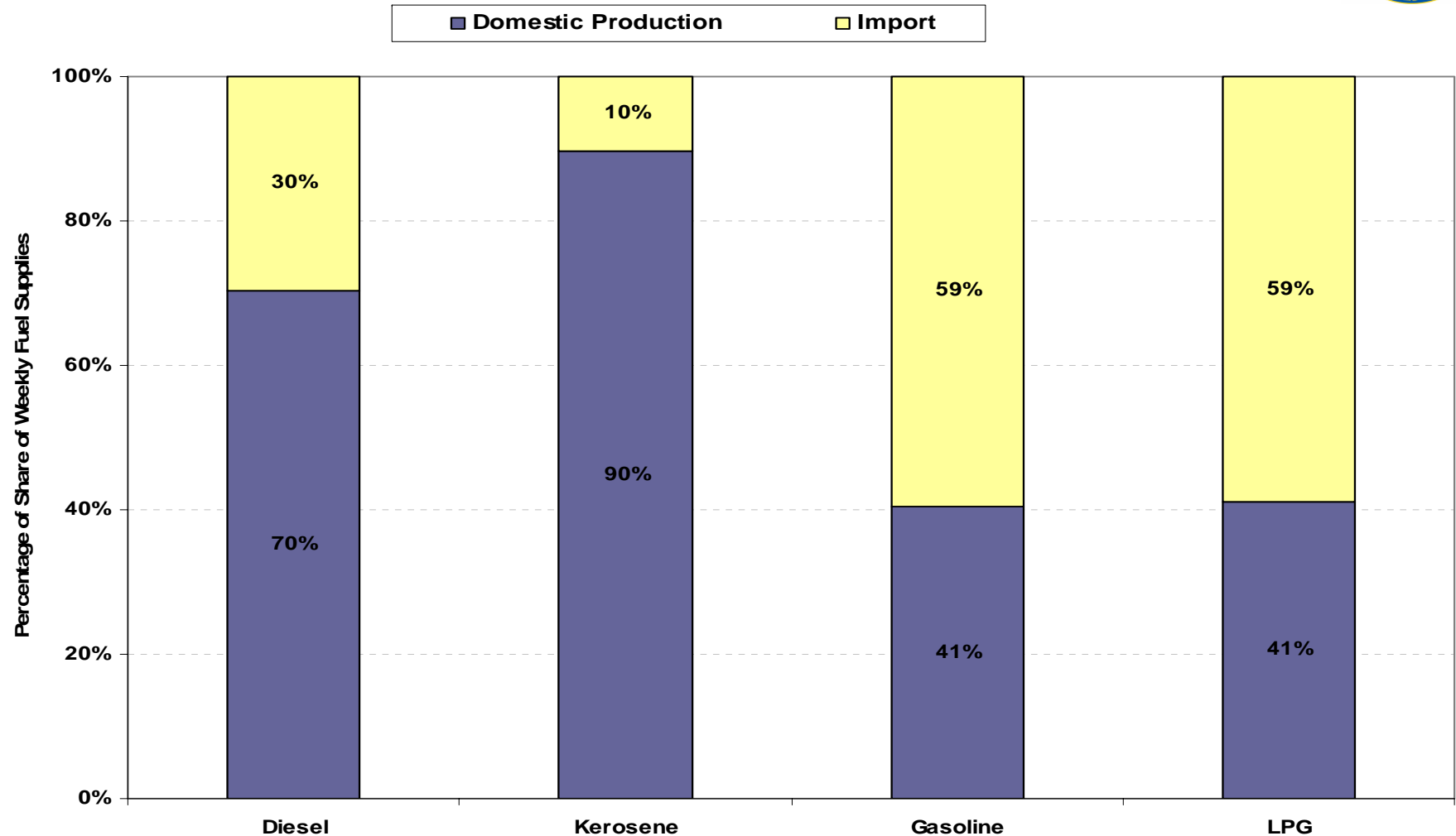
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$24.8 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

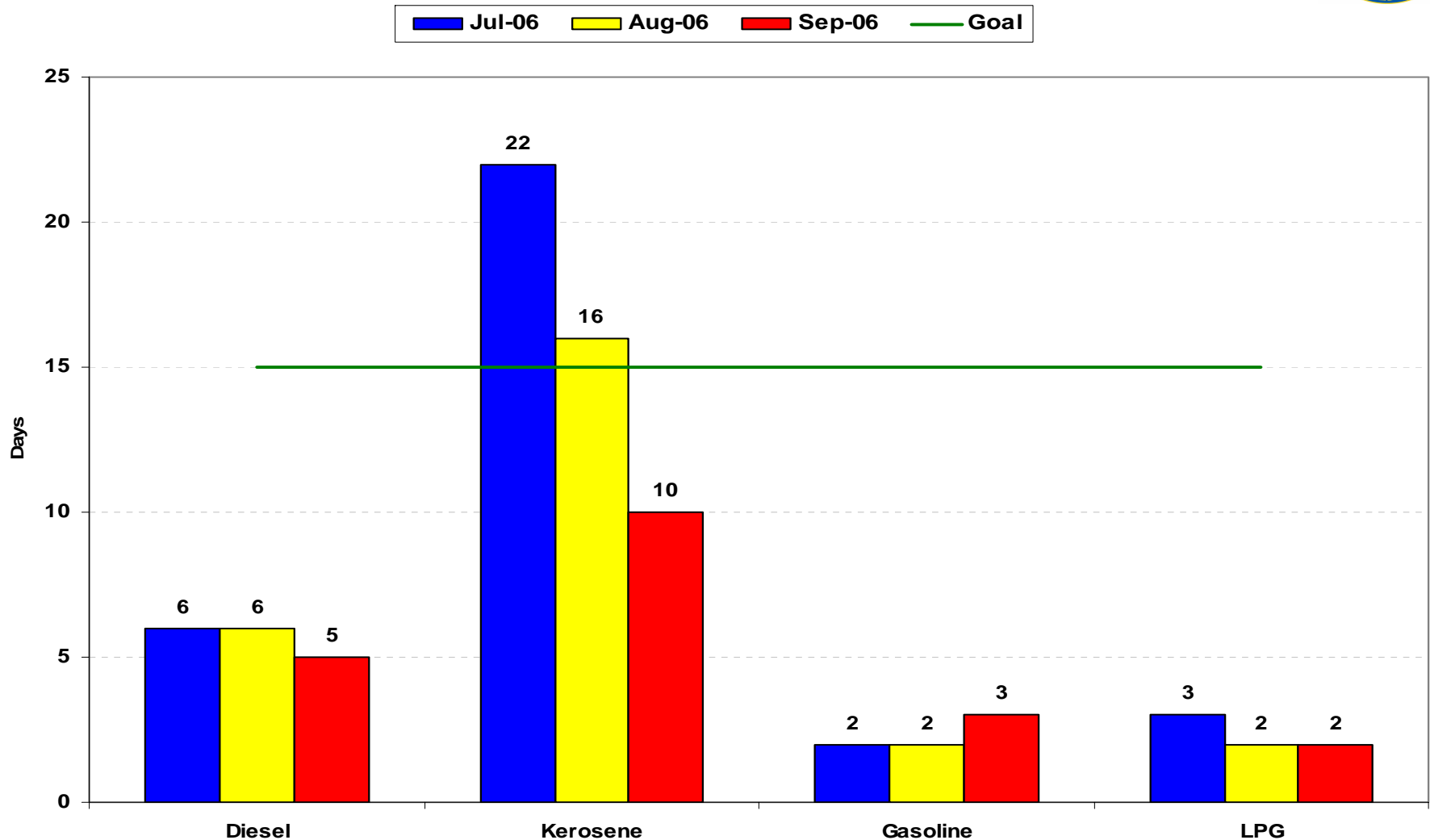


Note: This is a daily average for the week of September 25 – October 1

- Diesel: 10.5 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.2 ML supply of 8.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 15.7 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 3,333 tons supply of 4,460 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

CCCI Convicts 22 Insurgents:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 22 security detainees September 8 - 14 for various crimes, including possession of illegal weapons, using forged identification and illegal border crossing. Upon conviction, defendants are transferred to the Iraqi Ministry of Justice to serve their sentences. To date, the CCCI has held 1,537 trials of insurgents suspected of anti-Iraqi and anti-Coalition activities threatening the security of Iraq and targeting Multi-National Forces-Iraq. These proceedings have resulted in 1,309 individual convictions with sentences ranging up to death.

Verdict In Hussein Case Delayed:

- The first court trying Saddam Hussein announced October 3 that it was postponing the verdict to give the judges more time to review evidence. The court had been expected to announce its verdict October 16, when it reconvenes for the first time since adjourning July 27. Court spokesman Raid Juhi said the October 16 session would be held, but “will not be for the verdict. It’s for the judges’ review of the evidence.” Juhi also said that he could not say when the verdict would be issued, but the review raised the possibility that the judges could ask to recall witnesses or seek new testimony on evidence.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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Jordan to Resume Importing Cheap Oil from Iraq:

- Jordan plans to resume importing oil from Iraq at less than the international market value, bringing a three-year hiatus to an end under a deal that may include a future pipeline connecting the two nations. Analysts believe the deal may include a preferential price of \$10 per barrel, although both countries declined to reveal figures.

Romania Reaffirms Commitment to MNF-I:

- Romanian President Traian Basescu acknowledged that while domestic polls show Romanian presence in Iraq is not popular, his country's commitment to Multi-National Forces-Iraq (MNF-I) "is a pledge of honor for Romania and must be respected." He added that any withdrawal of Romanian troops would first require that the Iraqi government take control of Romania's zone of responsibility and that the Coalition Forces agree that Romania's presence in Iraq is no longer needed.

Talabani Continues to make Contradictory Statements on the PKK:

- Iraqi President Jalal Talabani – who had stated that his administration had convinced the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) to declare a cease-fire, and announced the PKK was over and had no future.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

Belgium Expected to Name Non-Resident Chargé:

- The Belgian government is expected to name Jeroen Vergeylen as the non-resident Chargé to Baghdad. Vergeylen is currently the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Belgian Embassy in Amman, Jordan.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of October 2, 2006

27 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	Denmark	Latvia	Romania
Armenia	El Salvador	Lithuania	Singapore
Australia	Estonia	Macedonia	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Moldova	South Korea
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Italy	Mongolia	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Japan	Poland	UK
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Portugal	

TOTAL ~ 17,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

33 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*34 includes the 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Rumors of Baghdad Coup False According to Government Officials:

- The Iraqi government announced on state television September 30 that anti-government insurgents were spreading false rumors about an attempted coup in Baghdad. The Prime Minister's military spokesman, Brigadier General Qassim Mussawi, addressed questions regarding the rumors, saying "this is not true, our forces will continue chasing terrorists in all sectors." Rumors regarding dissatisfaction in the Iraqi Army leadership began in late July.



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Barzani and Shahrستاني Exchange Words:

- In a statement released September 27, Nechirvan Barzani, prime minister of the autonomous Kurdistan region, attacked remarks by Oil Minister Husayn al-Shahrستاني that appeared in the Iraqi press September 23. In the interview, Shahrستاني said that the central government was not bound by contracts signed between international companies and the Kurdistan government. In response, Barzani said that he resented “Dr. Shahrستاني’s efforts to sabotage foreign investment in Kurdistan’s oil sector” and also accused Baghdad’s oil ministry of doing “nothing to encourage foreign investment in other parts of Iraq.”
- Barzani added that Kurdistan voluntarily took part in the Iraqi government based on it’s constitution and that if Baghdad was not compliant in the wording set forth in the constitution, “the people of Kurdistan reserve the right to reconsider our choice.”
- Barzani’s statement also cited \$100 million in oil exploration activities in the Kurdistan region since 2003 by foreign companies.



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

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PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from US and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.

PRT Operations Status:

- PRTs have been established in Tamim/Kirkuk; Ninewa/Mosul; Babil/Hillah; Baghdad; Anbar/Ramadi; Diyala/Baquba; Salah ad-Din; Basrah; and Dhi Qar. PRTs are comprised of representatives from the US Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners.

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